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Never esteem anything as of advantage to thee that shall make thee break thy word or lose thy self-respect.—Marcus Aurelius.

ERASE THE BLOT

Mayor Fern complains that he is finding it difficult to persuade good men to serve as civil service commissioners.

The mayor's difficulty is not to be wondered at. He named a commission a little over six months ago and before its first half-year of service was over had gone back on his own appointees.

He openly criticised the commissioners for having spent money but he had no definite knowledge of what he was talking about. He declared publicly that the commission had not made good, or been worth while. For days and weeks he even declined to say whether he would allow the commission to go out of existence or would appoint new members. He has never given the commission, appointed by him after long consideration, any moral support in its unselfish and painstaking work to bring the police and fire departments up to the greatest possible efficiency. His attitude has been such as to justify the suspicion that the mayor as well as the board of supervisors is jealous of the civil service board, jealous because its good work has been publicly praised.

No wonder Mayor Fern is finding it hard now to get good men to serve on the commission! For a month there has been no commission, the splendid beginning made by the outgoing commission has fallen to the ground, its plans for the future pushed into oblivion.

If Mayor Fern wishes to erase one very big and very black blot on his record in municipal office, he should see that a new commission is organized with the kind of backing such a body has the right to expect from the city's executive, from the board of supervisors, and from the citizens of Honolulu.

OPTIMISM IN BUSINESS

Henry Clews, the New York banker whose weekly letter of comment on business affairs is followed with much interest in Hawaii, is becoming really optimistic over the outlook, if the tenor of his last letter is to be taken as an indication. He says:

"Good news is having its effect upon the stock market. The most cheering advices come from Washington, President Wilson having evidently determined that it is time to redeem his pledge for 'building up business' on constructive lines. The president having gotten rid of the tariff and currency problems is now taking hold of the trust question in earnest, and he evidently believes that its true solution does not lie in destructive methods.

"In commercial circles there is a distinctly brighter feeling. Confidence is reviving as a result of the new policy at Washington, and long deferred operations are being taken up for execution. The steel trade has turned the corner. Orders are coming in more freely for many steel products; prices are firmer, and it is estimated that about 60 per cent of the steel capacity of the country is now employed, compared with 50 per cent a short time ago. Prices of steel products are generally firmer. Up to date the railroads have not been free purchasers, but if present conditions continue they will probably soon be obliged to enter the market more freely. In cotton goods there is a distinct improvement, and

many buyers are now in this market. They have been operating cautiously; but, with bare shelves throughout the country and good consumptive demands, conditions favor a more satisfactory trade. The woolen business seems to have passed the worst of the shock due to the new tariff, and many of our up-to-date mills are turning out fabrics of a quality and style and at prices which will effectually defy foreign competition."

ENLIGHTENED CHARITY

The selection of Mr. Spencer Bowen as temporary manager of the Associated Charities, pending the arrival of a man from the mainland, might well be made a permanent appointment. Mr. Bowen is well-equipped to handle the work if he wishes to undertake it.

A communication to the Star-Bulletin today points out the advantages of organization of charity work on the "foundation" plan, best-known perhaps through the disposition of the Russell Sage fortune by the Sage Foundation. The suggestions advanced in this communication are very timely and the plan advocated will bear investigation.

Lester Petrie, chairman of the roads committee of the board of supervisors, will speak before the Honolulu Ad Club next Wednesday at noon on the subject of good roads. The supervisors complain that the public, criticising the board, does not understand the situation. This will be an opportunity for Chairman Petrie to explain it to a group of men who are prepared to listen, to learn and then to act.

The largest bank in New York is anxious to come into the federal reserve system. Isn't it rather remarkable how these opponents of the currency bill are now jumping to reap its advantages?

An Irishman singing Italian songs on the German emperor's birthday and during Chinese New Year's in an American community indicates that Honolulu is a cosmopolitan city.

It will afford Bourbon hearts little consolation if the elevation of Mr. Thayer to the secretaryship promotes a Republican to be attorney-general. But that's a long chance.

If Jeff McCann can settle the Mahuka site within less than a decade he can have our vote for the eighth wonder of the world.

Col. Goethals might solve the problem by governing the Canal Zone and letting Mrs. G. be police commissioner of New York.

Mrs. Pankhurst seems to have settled down to domesticity since her acquirement of those twenty thousand dollars of ours.

Attorney-general Thayer is being pursued by an office and the chances are excellent that the office will catch up with him.

Now the territory seems to be going into the business of assisted immigration of high-class canines.

John Kealoha will agree to a six-months sentence, it is reported. How kind of John!

The Pearl Harbor contract seems destined to be a hoodoo for the contractors.

We haven't Huerta ultimatum lately.

is in thorough touch with the situation, sends the message in response to an inquiry made by Towse on behalf of the Merchants' Association. The cablegram says:

"Senate passed Frisco dock bill. It is claimed that this action is without prejudice to our interests."

Admiral Moore stated this afternoon that he had received no official word regarding the drydock. A private letter from Admiral Stanford to the commandant, dated Washington, January 14, stated that the drydock matter was up to the attorney general for consideration, so there is still a chance that some way has been found to reimburse the contractors for their financial loss.

ATTEMPT BEING MADE TO SALVE DREDGE DENISON

An attempt will be made to salve the ill-fated dredger, George P. Denison, which sank off Pearl Harbor channel yesterday afternoon, while being towed there from Honolulu. Although the dredger opened her seams and sank in 40 feet of water, the rough weather of the night caused the heavy turntable, dipper arm and boom to break away, so that the hull rose to the surface, and was found early this morning afloat, bottom up. The dredger Reclamation was sent out this morning, to pick up the disengaged parts, if possible, and the hull will be towed into Pearl Harbor for repairs.

The Denison left Honolulu early yesterday afternoon in tow of the tug Intrepid. The heavy seas, and heavy top hamper, proved too much for the craft, and off Pearl Harbor it turned turtle. The crew of 14 men were all rescued by the Intrepid and the launch Margaret. J. E. Silva, a Japanese laborer, was the only man injured in the wreck, the former getting a sprained shoulder, and the latter having his leg lacerated.

The Denison was formerly the Governor, which burned down to the water's edge in Honolulu harbor last September. Although covered by some insurance at that time, it cost the Hawaiian Dredging Co. owners, a large amount to refit it, and in the present instance there will be no reimbursement as the Denison carried no marine insurance.

ALL ALIENS ARE HELD SUBJECT TO 1907 LAW

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Inspector Halsey and the other immigration officials.

Inspector Halsey has received official advances from Washington that the decision just handed down "has comprehensively and conclusively disposed of the 'domicile' question."

The court decision is not based on a local case, but on a case occurring on the Atlantic seaboard, where a woman, Anna Lapina, after an absence, entered the country for immoral purposes, was arrested and ordered deported. Her counsel set up the plea that the provisions of the immigration act already mentioned could deal only to "alien immigrants," that is, aliens seeking to enter for the first time, and could not affect "domiciled aliens." The case has been pending since 1909 and the supreme court decision was handed down on January 5 of this year.

The meat of the decision is contained in the following extract: "Upon a review of the whole matter, we are satisfied that Congress, in the Act of 1903, sufficiently expressed, and in the Act of 1907 reiterated, the purpose of applying its prohibition against the admission of aliens, and its mandate for their deportation, to all aliens whose history, condition or characteristics brought them within the descriptive clauses, irrespective of any qualification arising out of a previous residence or domicile in this country."

At the immigration station this morning it was stated that about 35 cases are now pending which will be affected by this decision, a number of the cases being those of Japanese who were denied entrance here by the immigration officials and took the case into the federal court on habeas corpus proceedings.

James L. Young, treasurer and manager of the Lord-Young Engineering Company, is a passenger on the new Matsonia, returning from a business trip to the coast, Washington and New York.

The American-Hawaiian freighter Missouriian from Salina Cruz by the way of San Francisco and Sound ports has sailed from Seattle and is due here about February 5.

See what's doing at 112 Queen St.

Personal Mention

MR. AND MRS. JOHN WATT were numbered among the passengers departing for the Coast today in the Matson Navigation steamer Wilhelmina.

J. R. DRAKE, representing the Hummole company on a tour of the world, departed for the Coast in the Matson Navigation steamer Wilhelmina this morning.

J. H. M. LE APSLEY is in the city for the purpose of delivering a series of lectures before returning to the mainland. He was an arrival in the Matson steamer Honolulu.

MRS. RACHAEL MCKENNA, a native of Honolulu, passed away at the family home in Richmond (Cal.) the morning of January 17, according to advices which reached here today.

ALBERT P. TAYLOR has taken to the lecture platform since taking hold of the San Francisco branch of the Promotion Committee, taking as his subject "Hawaii," the Paradise of the Pacific.

E. D. TENNEY, vice-president and general manager of Castle & Cooke, and a director in the Matson Navigation Company, is reported a passenger in the new liner Matsonia, that sailed from San Francisco for Honolulu today.

MISS EDITH SEARLE, who recently completed a successful engagement at an Oakland (Cal.) theater, accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. Harry D. Lombard of Los Angeles, is a recent arrival in Honolulu and contemplates spending several weeks in the islands.

J. B. BRYAN and Mrs. Bryan, who have been making annual pilgrimages to the islands for a number of years, and listed among the original malibinis who were responsible for the initial Christmas tree festival bearing that name, are reported as passengers in the steamer Matsonia that has sailed from the Coast for Honolulu.

A. M. MORGANTHALER, traveling for the Birge wallpaper people, is making his annual visit to Honolulu and says he likes coming here better every year. He is only sorry that his selling schedule prevents him from staying longer than two weeks, but says this fact only makes him more anxious to have the next year's trip come around quicker.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—JOHN H. DREW: Some people always seem to be departing or returning to the Paradise of the Pacific. The Honolulu and the Wilhelmina will bear this out.

—"SONNY" CUNHA: A few more rehearsals now, and the "Mayor of Tokio" will be complete. The one last evening went along without a break and the cast and chorus are doing remarkably fast work.

—SYDNEY JORDAN: I heard the other day that when a fellow can hand a girl about sixteen worth of junk and colored glass and she is led to believe that it is an engagement ring worth 50 pounds, that is love.

—F. M. THOMPSON (Southern Pacific agent): I have just made the discovery that a sportsman is a city-bred fellow who has the privilege of paying \$10 for the mangled remains of a domestic duck, following his return from a shoot-fest in the country.

—MAYOR J. J. FERN: It would be a good idea if the carnival officials would arrange to have a grand luau during the week of celebration, in order that the tourists might get a taste of those Hawaiian delicacies which otherwise they might miss.

RECOMMENDATION FOR JUDGESHIPS REACHES CAPITOL

A cablegram from the Washington correspondent of the Star-Bulletin today gives the news that Governor Pinkham's recommendations for Hawaiian judicial positions have reached the department of justice in Washington but that no action has yet been taken. Locally, it has not been expected that the nominations would be sent to the senate for several days.

For Rent

Piikoi St. 3 bedrooms \$40
Kalihi off Kam. IV Rd. 3 bedrooms 35
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A cablegram received yesterday by C. H. Brown, district deputy supreme dictator of the Loyal Order of Moose in the Hawaiian Islands, J. J. Davis, director-general of the order, will arrive in this city February 17, and will be accompanied by Congressman Lents.

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Contractors Expected to Suffer Through Ruling on the Drydock

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docks, accompanied by Civil Engineer Harris, visited Honolulu, and, after a careful study of conditions, a board consisting of Civil Engineers Gayler, Harris and Gordon, U. S. N., was named to make further study. The board inclined to the belief that the dock could be built according to the original specifications. Finally, last summer, Alfred Noble, a civil engineer of world-wide reputation, came to Honolulu and made an independent report, which has not been made generally public. The fact that work is to go ahead on the same lines as before indicates that the Noble report agreed in its main points with that of the Gayler board.

S. G. Hindes, president of the San Francisco Bridge Company, which holds the drydock contract, Walter F. Dillingham, general manager of the Hawaiian Dredging Company, which took over the work from the original contractors, and F. B. (Drydock) Smith, superintendent of the project, have all been in Washington for several months past, closely watching developments.

"Nothing was said in the cable about financial responsibility," said R. W. Atkinson, of the Hawaiian Dredging

Company, this morning. "All we know at this end is that we are to pick up the work where it was left off, or, in a lot of work that was destroyed, we are to build it back up with the concrete in sections 1 and 2, that will have to be taken out. Denison yesterday, but we have other machinery and will start work just as soon as possible. I do not know what Mr. Dillingham and Mr. Smith will return but suppose that they will hurry back, as soon as their work in Washington is completed."

Foretold in the Star-Bulletin.

The action of the navy authorities in regard to Pearl Harbor is in line with a forecast made in the Star-Bulletin May 9 last. On that date this paper printed the following: "In the exhaustive inquiry into the 'blowing up' of the Pearl Harbor drydock on February 17 last, which terminated this morning with the departure of Admiral Stanford for Washington, there has been nothing to controvert the supposition that the contractors are alone responsible for the disaster, and that they will fail the entire financial loss. However, to settle the matter beyond possibility of doubt, a still farther investigation

will be made of the Pearl Harbor site, and every known engineering method used to determine its fitness for a drydock basin.

"This statement was made to a Star-Bulletin reporter by Rear-Admiral C. L. T. Moore, naval commandant in Hawaii, this noon. Admiral Moore said that it was the intention of the government to be absolutely fair with the contractors, but that the careful investigation that had been made by the naval engineers had failed to show that there was anything fundamentally wrong with the site, and that the contractors had been interfered with in no way in the actual construction of the dock. Had more weight of concrete been poured on the bottom before the section was pumped, it might have held satisfactorily."

The recent action seems to bear out Admiral Moore's opinion. Coast Dock Said Not to Endanger Pearl Harbor Work.

That the bill passed in the senate yesterday sanctioning the use of a coast drydock for naval vessels will not be detrimental to Hawaii's interests is the tenor of a cabled message received by Ed Towse from Joe Breckons, brother of R. W. Breckons, and a veteran committee clerk and Washington correspondent. Breckons, who